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1. COUNTRY: ARGENTINA (AR)

2. REPORT NUMBER: (b)(3):10 USC 42

3. TITLE: (U) Insurgency - Terrorist Grenade Launcher

4. PROJECT NUMBER: N/A

5. DATE OF INFORMATION: 770916

6. DATE OF REPORT: 770929

7. DATE & PLACE OF ACQUISITION: 770916
Buenos Aires, Argentina

8. REFERENCES: (b)(3):10 USC 424

9. ASSESSMENT: SOURCE ___ INFO ___

10. ORIGINATOR: (b)(3):10 USC 424

11. REQUEST EVALUATION (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424 (country)

12. PREPARING OFFICER:

13. APPROVING AUTHORITY:

(b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424

14. SOURCE: Embassy

15. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

~~NOFORN TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT TO HOST GOVT.~~

DIRC YES ☐ NO ☒

16. SUMMARY:

(U) This IR forwards information on a locally developed grenade launcher produced by terrorists.

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17. SUBJECT AND AREA CODES:
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339245 AR
3096310 AR
3096315 AR

18. DISTRIBUTION BY ORIGINATOR:
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19. DOWNGRADING AND DECLASS: (b)(3):10 USC 424
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20. ENCLOSURES:
2 Enclosures
1. 4 Photos of Grenade Launcher ~~(C)~~
2. Sketch of Grenade Launcher - 1 Pg. 1 Cpy. ~~(C)~~

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21. This IR contains 2 pages

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22. DETAILS: ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ Recently a Sec. 3.3(b)(1) Officer provided a U.S. Embassy official with a captured terrorist grenade launcher. The weapon, although primitive, is well made, durable and probably quite effective. It was apparently developed to fire the Belgian family of FN-Strim Rifle Grenades which are used in the Argentine Army. Although it cannot be confirmed, the grenade launcher can probably accomodate the Montonero produced 70MM grenade (See IR (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. ). The propellant charge for the grenade appears to be a 16 gauge shotgun shell (without pellets). The barrel must be removed for reloading after each firing.

COMMENT: ~~(C)~~ This weapon is a typical example of homemade terrorist arms. It is unsophisticated and simple. From all appearances, it can be produced in quantity in any small shop with basic machine tools using materials that are available on the local market.

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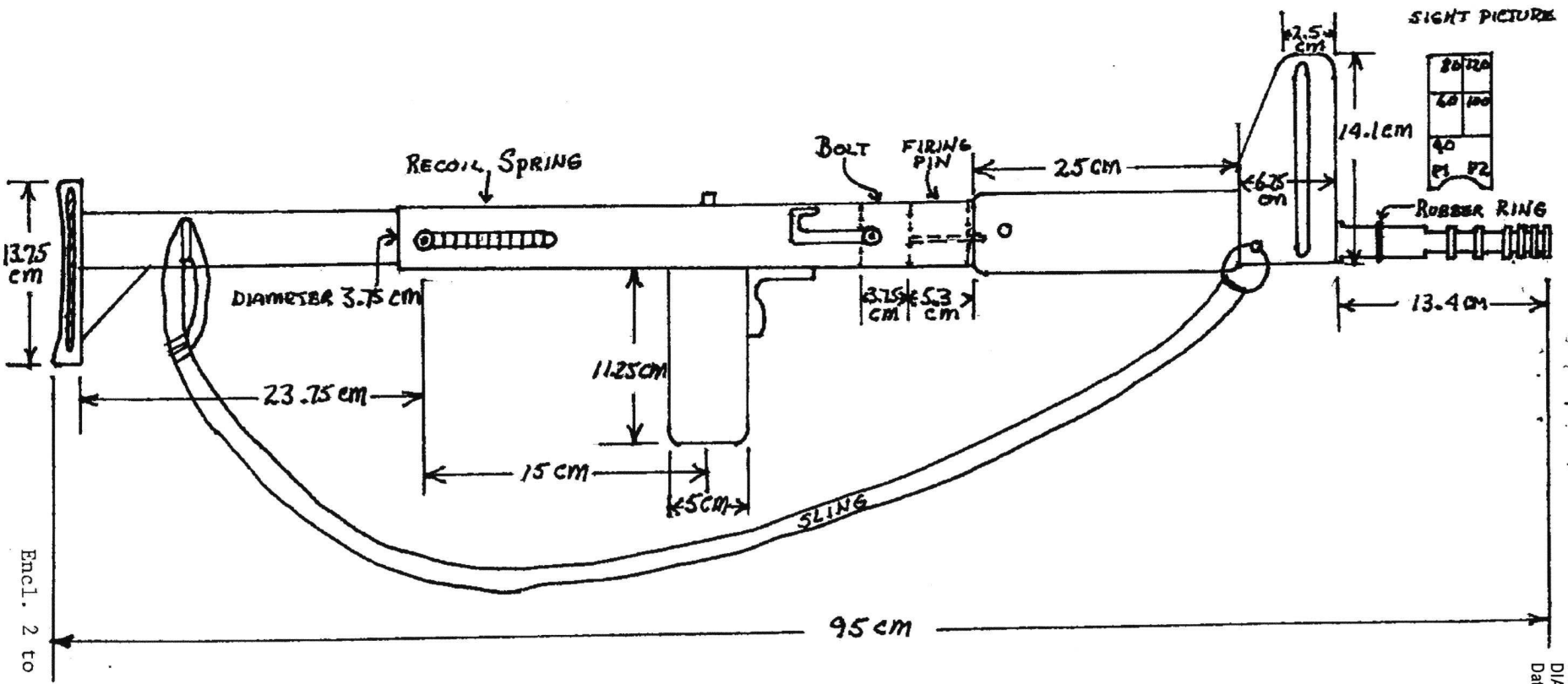


Encl. 2 to IR (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 42

(b) (3):10 USC 424

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